

Seniors Must Re-apply for Property Tax Exemption

Homeowners who last year benefited from the additional senior citizen exemption (65 years and older) must file their renewal applications for 2012. Although the deadline ended March 1, the Property Appraiser's office will accept late applications for the Senior Exemption. The exemption can reduce overall property taxes by \$500 or more each year.

To qualify for the 2012 Senior Exemption benefit, your adjusted gross income cannot exceed \$27,030. This limit applies to everyone who lives in the house whether they are owners or not. In most cases, social security income does not count towards qualifying for this benefit. Residents should check the "Adjusted Gross Income" line on their Federal tax return. To file your senior renewal application, visit the Downtown Miami Office of the Property Appraiser, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33128-1984, Suite 710, Public Information Counter or call (305) 375-4009. Renewal applications can also be filed online at the Property Appraiser's website: www.miamidade.gov/pa/exemptions.asp

